CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1986, AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM H-762, HALL BUILDING, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

BD-54-D1h: English Translation of Presentation by the ANEQ Executive to the 54th Meeting of the Board of Directors
BD-54-D5: Academic Council Report
BD-57-D1. Evaluation of Improvements to the Structures Finances and Efficiency of ANEQ
BD-57-D2. Meditations on ANEQ
BD 57-D3: CUSA Budget 1986-87 (Version 9)
BD-57-D4: Communications V.P. Report
BD-57-D5: Education V.P. Report
BD-57-D6. Finance V.P. Report
BD-57-D7: Services V.P. Report
BD-57-D8. Student Life V.P. Report

1.1 Roll Call:

PRESENT

Co-Presidents.

Karen Takacs
Scott White

Commerce:

Karen Ashton
Scott Bergen
Lyse Edery

Engineering:

Patrick Douek
Louis Hotte
Jon Jolivet (8:30)

Arts and Science:

Maria Calderone
Jeannette Chayer
Glen Cheverie
Joe Fortune
Mike Foster (8:00)
Mark Legault
Jim Locke (8:30)
Effie Panousos
Linda Piovesan
Bettina Rosenberg (7:35)
Morty Shapiro

Fine Arts:

Ian Fleet
Keren Penney

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Emma Tibaldo, Scott Townsend
Commerce Andrew Bayouk, Tony Ghannamy (W/R), Aris Kekedjian
Engineering: Dan Artola (W/R)
Fine Arts: Francois Gurik

Advisors to the Board Present: Daniel Cross, Co-Communications V.P.; Susan Hunt, Student Life V.P.; Brent Jones, Services V.P. Craig McNamee. Finance V.P.; Shawn O'Hara, External Committee; Scott Robertson, Education V.P.; Peter Wheeland, former Communications V.P.

1.2 Call to Order:

Chairperson John Moore called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

2 Approval of Agenda:

MOVE to approve the Agenda.

Moved by: Linda Piovesan
Seconded by: Karen Takacs

There were no objections to this Motion.

3 Approval of Minutes:

The approval of the Minutes of the 54th, 55th and 56th Meetings of the Board was deferred until the next meeting in order to give the Directors an opportunity to read the Minutes.

4 Chairperson s Remarks:

Chairperson John Moore welcomed the newly elected Arts and Science Directors to the Board. He stated that he had been asked to comment on the use of secret ballots in light of the 56th Meeting, and when it is appropriate for the Board to revert to such measures. As a means of saving time during discussions, he advised the Directors to listen to what the other Directors are saying and to use that as a guide to which way the voting will go, and not to reiterate comments already expressed.

5 Reports:

5.1 Co-Presidents' Report:

Karen Takacs addressed the issue of the appropriateness of secret ballots. and advised the Directors that a decision for a secret ballot should not be entered into lightly. She added that it was very important that the Board keep itself open and not do everything behind closed doors.

Regarding the Day of Action on November 4th, Karen Takacs stated that those who helped with the organization of the activities were incredible, and gave up a lot of their time to help out. She reported that the day was very successful, firstly because of the favourable media coverage, and secondly because the community was made aware of the issues. The Rector spoke at the rally which added legitimacy to the proceedings. Karen Takacs commented that the Administration of the University had been more supportive than the Board of the Directors.

(7:30)

Karen Takacs reported that the Women's Centre is moving along. The proposal is being written at this time. and the committee is looking for financing from within the University.

Scott White stated that the brief for the Parliamentary Commission prepared by Francois Desrosiers, 16,000 words in length, could be translated for a cost of $700.

MOTION 361:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA translate the brief submitted to the Parliamentary Commission from French to English.

Moved by: Linda Piovesan
Seconded by: Keren Penney

Discussion

Linda Piovesan felt that by translating the brief into English it would be accessible to all students. Scott White commented that the commercial rate for translation is eight cents per word, and as such the $700 fee he mentioned earlier is a good deal. Glen Cheverie asked if it would be possible for Francois Desrosiers to supply CUSA with an abridged English version, and Karen Takacs responded that he would charge for it. She added that CUSA could set a price and solicit students to apply for the job at that price. She concluded by stating that the Co-Presidents would look into having the translation done at the lowest possible cost.

There were no objections to this Motion.

On the legal front, Scott White reiterated the details he reported at the last Board meeting regarding the Bob Bruce case. He reported another case involving someone who owes CUSA $1,500 and has defaulted on the bill. There is a search under way for this person at a cost of $50.

Karen Takacs stated that a very successful Executive Meeting was held on Monday during which they discussed projects for the rest of their mandate. She urged the Directors to help each of the executives in his/her specific area. She also urged Directors who wish to become more involved but are not sure what to do, to come to the office to discuss various directions with her.

Scott White stated that the Board of Governors would be meeting tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. in H-769. Students are welcome to attend.

Scott White reported that Earl McLaughlin, Chancellor of Concordia University, has resigned. There is a search committee being formed to find a replacement.

5.2 Executive Reports:

Reports from the Communications Co-V.P.s, Education V.P., Finance V.P., Services V.P., and Student Life V.P. were distributed.

Craig McNamee stated that he prefers to have at least five people sitting in on the FinCom meetings, and asked that Helen Wolkowicz be approved by the Board as a member of FinCom.

MOTION 362:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the appointment of Helen Wolkowicz to the Finance Committee.

Moved by: Glen Cheverie
Seconded by: Linda Piovesan

Discussion

Glen Cheverie stated that he had worked with Helen Wokowicz at the Used Book Store and that she was a good and responsible worker.

VOTE ON MOTION 362: UNANIMOUS

Keren Penney reported that she had received an official complaint from the Design Students' Association who were dissatisfied with the performance of the Finance V.P. Craig McNamee openly admitted that they were not the only ones, and that for various reasons he had not been as available as he should have been. He stressed, however, that he will be putting in more hours as he had indicated in his report (BD-57-D6).

Ian Fleet reported that the Music Students' Association had made two appointments to see the Finance V.P. and were made to wait up to two hours on one occasion. Craig McNamee apologized and said he had no excuses but that this would not happen again.

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5.3 Labour Pool Report:

Brent Jones stated that this was included in the Services V.P. Report (BD-57-D7).

6 Question Period:

Glen Cheverie asked why the Board Meeting scheduled for November 5th was cancelled 24 hours before it was to take place. CHairperson John Moore responded that he was not confident of quorum and that the organizers of the November 4th Day of Action were on the verge of burn-out. Karen Takacs stated that she was one of the organizers who requested that the meeting be delayed because the organizers were tired. Glen Cheverie expressed the opinion that burn-out was no reason to cancel a meeting. He thanked those Directors who had worked on the organization of the Day of Action but commented that a couple of students are not the voice of the entire Board.

7 Unfinished Business:

7.1 CUSA Budget:

A summary of the CUSA Budget 1986-87 (BD-57-D3) was distributed.

MOTION 363:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors approves the CUSA Budget 1986-87.

Moved by: Linda Piovesan
Seconded by: Karen Takacs

Discussion

Scott White stated that this version of the budget represents the original core. He added that there are some items out of date, either over or under the estimate in the budget. Glen Cheverie commented that special interest groups have overspent by $7,000 whereas academic groups are below budget by $9,000. Craig McNamee reported that he is waiting for a list of active groups from Liaison, but that there are three more academic associations' budgets to be done. Karen Takacs stated that CUSA is in bad financial shape, and that the budget is an attempt at estimating as close as possible what the spending will be. She added that any suggestions for cost-cutting or better ways to spend money would be welcome.

VOTE ON MOTION 363: 17/0/1 Carried

(8:00)

7.2 ANEQ Debate:

MOTION 364:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors recognizes that ANEQ has made significant steps toward improving its structures, finances and efficiency as of September 1986 and, as such, will continue to maintain CUSA's membership in ANEQ.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Linda Piovesan

Discussion

Karen Takacs introduced the members of the ANEQ executive who were in attendance: Francois Giguere, Jean-Pierre Paquet, and Michelle Bousquet. Karen Takacs stated that according to the mandate of the referendum, it would be inappropriate to discuss anything other than the finances, structures and efficiency of ANEQ. She added that any decision made by the Board would have to be ratified by referendum in March.

MOVE to have Peter Wheeland present the "Evaluation of Improvements to the Structures, Finances and Efficiency of ANEQ" (BD-57-D1).

Moved by: Linda Piovesan
Seconded by: Jeannette Chayer

There were no objections to this Motion.

(8:15)

Peter Wheeland gave the presentation on the evaluation of ANEQ and concluded that ANEQ has responded favourably in terms of the improvements that CUSA had requested regarding its structures, finances and effectiveness.

Glen Cheverie stated that up until now, the Board had received mostly negative information regarding ANEQ, and this represents a sudden change. He asked if the improvements were "as of September" as per the mandate of the referendum. Karen Takacs responded that the September date in the referendum referred to the time at which the Board could make a decision regarding membership. She agreed that there had been a good deal of negative remarks made about ANEQ, but now both Peter Wheeland, former Communications V.P., and Francois Desrosiers, former External V.P., wholeheartedly support CUSA keeping its membership. She added that there were still problems but questioned whether the problems justify CUSA's pulling out and whether such a move would be in the best interests of Concordia's students. Linda Piovesan stated that she knew very little about ANEQ when she joined the Board, but has since worked on the External Committee. She added that she has attended an ANEQ conference and has seen how important it is for CUSA to remain a member. Effie Panousos stated that as a new Director, she felt she could not make a conscious decision because she has not had time to assimilate the copious amounts of historical documents, etc. Karen Takacs stated that she is not one to push things through the Board but it is only fair to let ANEQ know how things stand and it is important so that CUSA's external policy can be developed.

(8:30)

Karen Takacs addressed the "Meditations on ANEQ" (BD-57-D2). She stressed how crucial it was for CUSA to keep its membership in a recognized provincial student association--pulling out at this time would undermine ANEQ and would demonstrate to the government that ANEQ does not represent the interests of Concordia students. She added that McGill is feeling left out at this time because it does not belong to any student association and their referendum to join RAEU failed mostly because RAEU is not an officially recognized association.

Scott Bergen asked if CUSA would be committed to work with ANEQ, otherwise he felt the same problems would arise. Linda Piovesan stated that out of the ten or so members of the External Committee, someone should be interested. Karen Takacs suggested that the Board could give the External Committee that mandate.

MOVE to call the question.

Moved by: Maria Calderone
Seconded by: Bettina Rosenberg

VOTE: 11/6/4 Carried

VOTE ON MOTION 364: 15/2/4 Carried

(8:45)

7.3 Academic Council:

MOTION 365.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors accepts the proposal of the V.P. Education as presented in the Academic Council Report (BD-54-D5) for the restructuring of Academic Council.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Effie Panousos

Discussion

Scott White and Jim Locke spoke in support of this proposal. Keren Penney was hesitant in that it would be one more representative board which would spread thin the power and capacity of the student body. Scott Robertson responded that there would be no new new members, the council would be made up of representatives on Faculty Council, and that in this way everyone would know what is happening with everyone else. Karen Takacs added that this is not a new body, but it is an attempt to make it work. Scott White stated that the Board has the option of doing away with the Academic Council, but this would be one last chance to make it work. In defence of the proposal, Scott Robertson stated that it would provide an opportunity at the grass-roots level to know what is happening in each department.

VOTE ON MOTION 365 18/0/3 Carried

(9:00)

8 New Business:

8.1 Appointments to Cusacorp Board of Directors:

MOTION 366:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Milva D'Aronco, Tony Ghannamy, Lorne Wilansky, Scott White. Michael Marsan. Mitchell Gross, and Marc Shlapak be appointed as Directors of Cusacorp Inc.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Jeannette Chayer

Discussion

Jim Locke asked if these candidates were seen by the Hiring and Appointments Committee and Scott White responded that there were only seven applicants. Glen Cheverie questioned the advertsing for the position. Karen Takacs stated that ads were placed in The Link. The Concordian and CUSA Today. Glen Cheverie stated that he would have liked to have been on the Board but had not seen the ads. Keren Penney suggested that the process be re-started. Karen Takacs argued that the positions were advertised, there has not been a working Cusacorp Board and it is already November, and there were seven good applicants. Jon Jolivet complained that in the one ad he could find there was no telephone number to contact given in the ad. Linda Piovesan expressed the opinion that the process should not be started all over again, as much as she would like to be on the Cusacorp Board, just because she and others like her did not

apply. Bettina Rosenberg asked who was sitting on the Hiring and Appointments Committee at the time, and Scott White stated that he was the only one available at the time the interviews were done. Maria Calderone stated that more informative ads should be placed. Jeannette Chayer asked if procedure was followed. Karen Takacs responded that the Board could make a decision now including the four people present who expressed interest in sitting on the Cusacorp Board, but added that running another ad and going through the interview process would delay the start-up of the Cusacorp Board when there are already enough applicants for the positions. Jon Jolivet asked if there was quorum for the Hiring and Appointments Committee. Scott White responded that the exact number of candidates applied. Susan Hunt cautioned the Board about keeping volunteers on hold. Jim Locke asked whether the candidates were supposed to show up at this meeting. Jim Locke also asked Scott White how he evaluated the candidates, especially himself. Scott White responded that the right number of candidates applied and that he did not have to take any out of the running. He added that they all seemed like good people and there is a need for the Cusacorp Board to start work. Jim Locke stated that he would like to the candidates to present themselves to the Board before deciding on their appointments. Scott White stated that the Cusacorp Board does not have too much responsibility in that the Cusacorp Board has to do what CUSA tells them to. Scott Bergen asked whether the candidates had been told that they were approved. Karen Takacs responded that they had been told that they were nominated. Keren Penney asked for a delay because she would like to have Judicial Board's opinion on the quorum of the Hiring and Appointments Committee. Jon Jolivet commented that he had gone through every issue of The Link and The Concordian, and the only ad he could find was an uninformative mention in CUSA Today.

VOTE ON MOTION 366: 2/13/4 Defeated

MOTION 367:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the positions for the Cusacorp Inc. Board of Directors be properly advertised, the Hiring and Appointments Committee interview all new applicants as well as those who have already applied, and that until such time as the Cusacorp Inc. Board is activated, the Co-Presidents act as trustees.

Moved by: Scott Bergen
Seconded by: Keren Penney

VOTE ON MOTION 367: 14/2/3 Carried

Karen Takacs stated that the Co-Communications V.P.'s will be responsible for placing the ads, and that volunteers from the Board would have to come forward to sit on the Hiring and Appointments Committee.

(9:15)

8.2 External Committee:

Karen Takacs stated that the following people have made a committment to serve on the External Committee: Jeannette Chayer, Maureen Chin, Maxine Clarke, Jeff Craig, Robert Douglas, Dominique Fournier, Dana M. Friend, Joanne Hadley, Curtis Jones, Brenda Laliberte, Francois Lefebvre, Shawn O'Hara, Flora Zottola. She stated that the committee will be responsible for external relations, formalizing policy, and keeping on top of what is

going on in other student associations. Karen Takacs asked if any other Board members would be interested in working with the External Committee, and stated that a meeting would be held Friday at 4:00 p.m. in H-333-6 to discuss designation of duties.

(9:30)

8.3 Coors Referendum:

MOTION 368:

WHEREAS CUSA finds there to be discriminatory hiring practices in the Coors Company; and

WHEREAS CUSA is strongly against such practices;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA hold a student referendum to declare Coors beer to be a product not sold or distributed on the campuses of this University.

Moved by: Jon Jolivet
Seconded by: Jim Locke

Discussion

Jeannette Chayer asked why, and Jon Jolivet responded that the feeling expressed at the last Board meeting was that the Board should not impose on students what beer they can drink. He added that having a referendum would allow the students themselves to decide. Keren Penney asked how he would make students aware, and suggested an information campaign. Jon Jolivet stated that there would be "yes" and "no" committees established and it would be up to the committees to get the information across to the students. Karen Takacs asked when the referendum would be held. Jon Jolivet responded that the date was up for discussion. Karen Takacs suggested that March would be a good time because if the referendum is held during the general elections it would cost $1,000 but if it is held outside of the elections the cost would be $5,000. Scott White explained that the $1,000 cost would be broken down into the funding of the "yes" and "no" committees which would be given $500 each. Karen Ashton stated that she could not justify spending $5,000 to find out if the students wanted to make a certain brand of beer available or not.

MOVE to call the question.

Moved by: Maria Calderone
Seconded by: Bettina Rosenberg

VOTE: Defeated

Karen Takacs stated that she supported the boycott at the last meeting, and found it odd that the issue would come up again at this time. She suggested that LGFC be contacted to see if they feel it is right. Jon Jolivet stated that he had spoken with Thomas Burnside and LGFC was aware that it was coming up. Glen Cheverie stated that the use of the word "discriminatory" might cause legal problems, and Jon Jolivet offered to replace it with "questionable". Keren Penney felt that the Board misunderstood its role when the boycott question came up at the last meeting, and should have voted as a company instead of worrying about

student representation. She added that she was uncomfortable with the referendum because she felt it would be viewed as an about-face.

MOVE to table this Item until LGFC can be contacted for proper wording, and until the number of other referendum questions has been determined.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Keren Penney

VOTE: 14/1/4 Carried

9 Date of Next Meeting:

Chairperson John Moore announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 2, 1986 at 7:00 p.m.

10 Announcements:

Karen Takacs announced that Dr. Noam Chomsky would be speaking on December 2nd at 5:00 p.m. in H-110 on U.S. Policy and Central America.

Karen Takacs invited everyone to the CUSA Christmas Party to be held on December 19th.

Karen Takacs advised the Board that there would be a demonstration on December 2nd organized by ANEQ, and she urged the Directors to participate.

Jim Locke stated that the Liaison Committee is re-evaluating the definition of clubs and associations, and would welcome suggestions.

11 Adjournment:

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

John Moore, Chairperson

Jo Howard, Recording Secretary